(b) if not, the reasons behind Air India/Indian Airlines not operating such flights;

(c) whether any such flight was being operated by IA earlier;

(d) if so, the reasons why it was discontinued;

(e) whether Air India proposes to operate any flight from Delhi or Mumbai to Goa between 6 PM to 12 PM; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. National Aviation Company of India Limited (erstwhile Indian Airlines) operates direct flights from Goa to Mumbai, Chennai, Calicut, Bangalore, and Kuwait without any stop in between.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

(e) and (f) Due to the aircraft and other operating resources being fully committed, erstwhile Indian Airlines has no plans to commence any flight from Delhi or Mumbai to Goa between 6 PM to 12 PM.

Construction work for cargo hub at Nagpur

†1106. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) by when the construction work of cargo hub has been approved at Nagpur in Maharashtra and its cost at the time of approval;

(b) the status of the work at present and amount incurred so far;

(c) whether the construction work is going on as per scheduled time and by when it would be completed; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (d) Union Cabinet in its meeting held on 17.1.2008 has accorded 'in principle' approval to the proposal for transfer of Dr. Ambedkar International Airport, Nagpur to a Joint Venture Company (JVC) of Airports Authority of India (AAI) and Maharashtra Airport Development Company Limited (MADC) for upgradation of the airport to a world class Multi Modal International Passenger and Cargo Hub with the directions that (i) the Indian Air Force (IAF) will continue to use its existing facilities in Nagpur till appropriate alternative arrangements are put in place and that any transfer of land of the IAF to the Joint Venture will take place only after concurrence by the Ministry of Defence, and (ii) a Committee comprising of Cabinet Secretary, Finance Secretary, Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation and Chief Secretary, Government of Maharashtra will examine the financial structure of the proposed JV and related issues.

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